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AFTER STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT WAS DESTROYED DURING A TELEVISED FIGHT BETWEEN THE NEW WARRIORS AND A GROUP OF DANGEROUS VILLAINS, A FEDERAL SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT WAS PASSED. ALL INDIVIDUALS POSSESSING PARANORMAL ABILITIES MUST NOW REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. TONY STARK, A.K.A. IRON MAN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D., THE INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE. HE HAS SET IN MOTION THE INITIATIVE, A PLAN FOR TRAINING AND POLICING SUPER HEROES IN THIS BRAVE NEW WORLD, INTENDED TO POSITION A LOCAL SUPER HERO TEAM IN EACH OF AMERICA'S FIFTY STATES.

DIRECTOR



YELLOWJACKET

GRADUATES



3-D MAN



KOMODO

CADETS



ANT-MAN



CRUSADER

SKRULL KILL KREW



RYDER



RIOT



TRAUMA



CONSTRUCTOR



BENGAL



MUTANT ZERO

SHADOW INITIATIVE

SECRET INVASION

The newest recruits of Camp Hammond have taken the base, butting heads with their instructors and learning the ropes. They'd better learn fast, though, as Earth is under siege — the shape-shifting Skrulls have infiltrated our world with their eyes on taking Earth as their own! They've sent spies into every facet of Earth's defenses, including the Initiative itself.

Hank Pym, a.k.a. Yellowjacket, has been replaced by a Skrull, and for months he's been using his position to seed Skrull agents into every Initiative team across the country. Little does he know, there's a small spy watching him, in the form of his protégé, Ant-Man!

Meanwhile, recent graduate 3-D Man has found reinforcements in the Skrull Kill Krew and Komodo, the last woman standing on the Initiative team the Desert Stars, and is heading to Las Vegas to find the Heavy Hitters before the Skrulls do first!

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Camp Hammond.

WARRIORS OF
THE SKRULL ARMADA!
THIS BASE NOW
BELONGS TO
US!

IF EVEN *ONE*
HUMAN REMAINS
UNSHACKLED WHEN
OUR QUEEN ARRIVES,
I WILL *EVisCERATE*
YOU MYSELF!

NICE ALIENS...
DON'T LOOK
DOWN. DON'T
LOOK DOWN.
DON'T LOOK
DOWN...

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

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Camp Hammond Day Care Center

THE POWER'S
BACK ON. DOES
THAT MEAN IT'S
OVER, MR.
BENGAL?

STAY HERE
WHILE I CHECK,
MRS. GREEN. I'M
SURE IT'S...

...NOTHING...

CHILDREN, DO
YOU REMEMBER
WHAT WE
PRACTICED?

THE SECRET
AVENGER GAME,
DADDY?

THAT'S RIGHT,
MINH. THE SECRET
AVENGER GAME.

VREET

OKAY,
KIDS, HOW
DO SECRET
AVENGERS
MOVE?

QUIETLY!

AREN'T
YOU COMING,
DADDY?

I CAN'T. I
HAVE TO GO TO
WORK. BUT I'LL
SEE YOU
LATER.

AND I
WILL DIE
BEFORE I
LET THEM
HURT YOU.

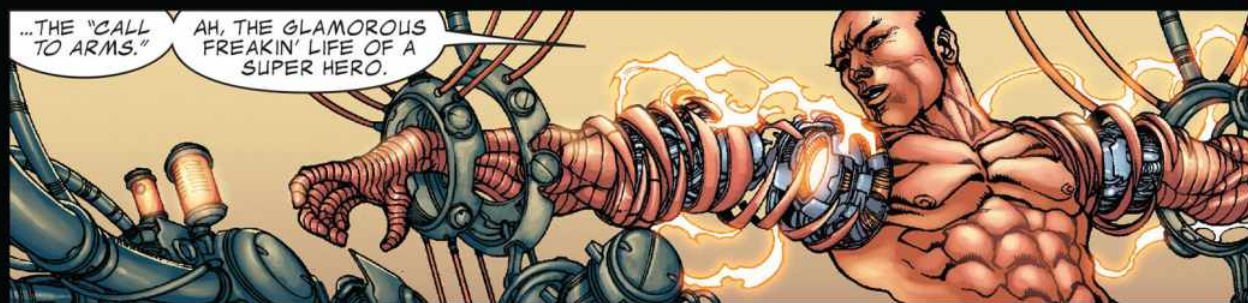
YOU'D
BETTER. I
LOVE YOU.

I LOVE
YOU, TOO.

The Infirmary.

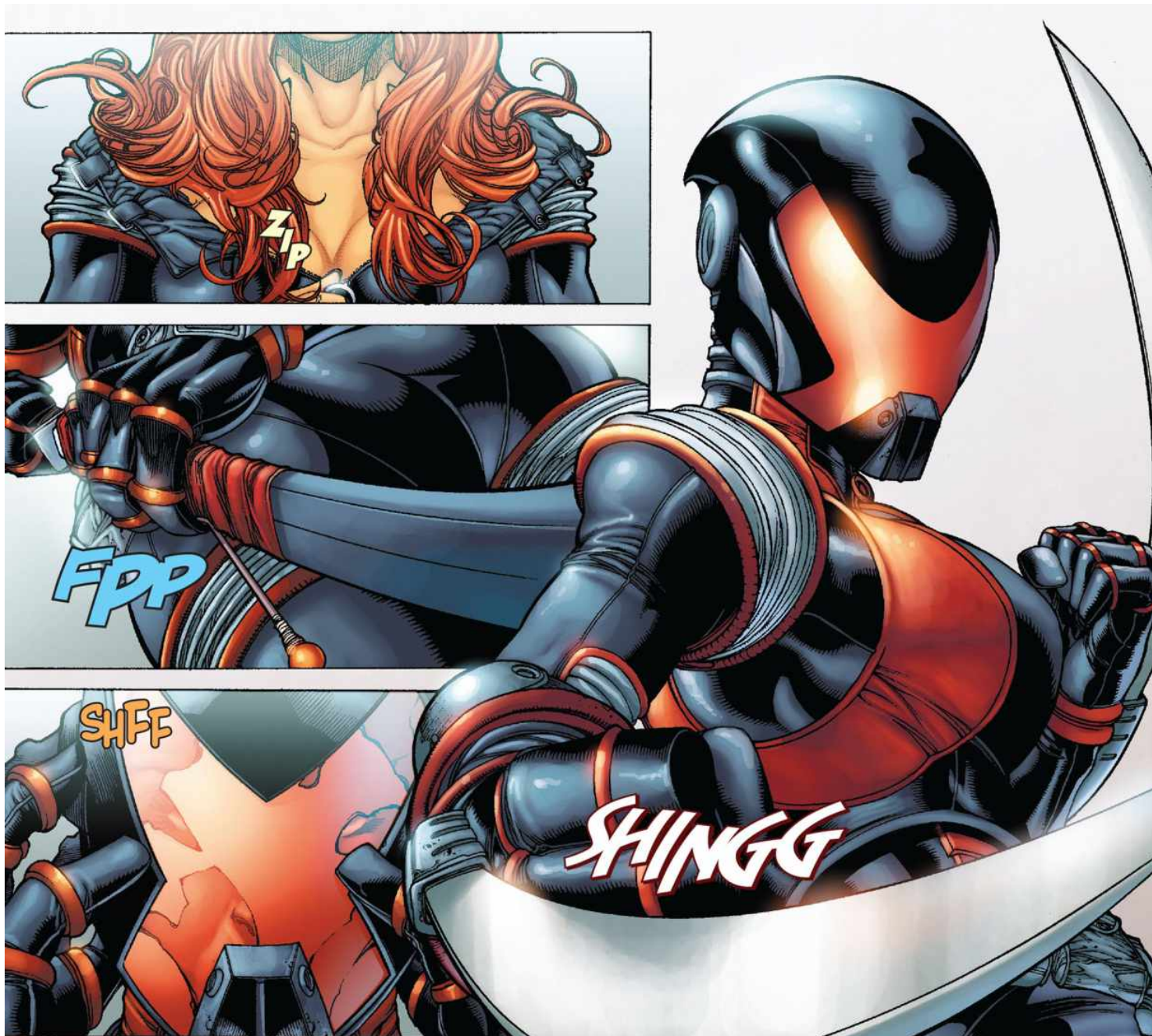


Constrictor's Quarters.



The Zero Room. Mutant Zero's Quarters.





Main courtyard.

L'I GREEN MEN.
EVERYWHERE. IT'S LIKE
THAT MOVIE...THE ONE
WHERE THE MARTIANS
ATTACKED...WHAT
WAS THAT?

RIGHT--"SANTA
CLAUS CONQUERS
THE MARTIANS."
OH, MAN, I GOTTA
GET OUT OF
HERE...GOTTA...

CALM DOWN,
O'GRADY, YOU CAN DO
THIS. YOU GOT STEALTH
TRAINING FROM THE BEST
S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS TO OFFER.
CLAY QUARTERMAIN. VAL
DEFONTAINE. DUM-
DUM...

...DUGAN...

HAIL,
WARRIORS OF
THE SKRULL
EMPIRE!





JEEZ, CALM DOWN, SHRIMP. IT'S JUST US.

DID YOU... URINATE ON ME?

YOU'RE LUCKY THAT'S ALL I DID. ARE YOU NUTS, SNEAKING UP ON A GUY LIKE THAT?

RELAX, ANT-MAN.



EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE FINE.

UM, I KNOW YOU'RE A SHRIMP, BUT THERE COMES A TIME WHEN "I'M OKAY, YOU'RE OKAY" GOES OUT THE FREAKIN' WINDOW.

THERE ARE MOTHERLOVIN' SKRULLS ON THIS MOTHERLOVIN' BASE!



YES. BUT YOU'VE LED US TO THEIR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

LED--? UH, YEAH... THAT'S WHAT I WAS DOING.

CUT OFF THE HEAD AND THE BODY DIES, RIGHT?



EXACTLY. WE WERE CREATED FOR STEALTH MISSIONS JUST LIKE THIS. AND WE WILL END THIS WAR WITH ONE PRECISE STRIKE...

...BY ASSASSINATING THE SKRULL QUEEN!

"WE"...?
THIS DAY JUST GETS BETTER AND BETTER...

Nevada.
Home State of
the Heavy-Hitters.

UM, RYDER, I'M
PRETTY SURE IT'S DEAD.
CAN YOU MAKE HER STOP
WITH THE HACKING
ALREADY?

COULD, HARDBALL.
NOT GONNA. HEY, RIOT,
SAVE ME A PIECE.

TELEMETRY'S
INJURED. NONSTOP,
CAN YOU GET HER
TO AN ER?

IN FIVE
SECONDS,
BOSS.

GOOD.
3-D MAN, ARE
THEY CLEAR
TO GO?

BOTH CHECK OUT
AS HUMAN. SO DO
YOU, BY THE WAY.

SO YOUR GOGGLES LET YOU SEE WHO'S
A SKRULL? ANY CHANCE WE CAN GIVE MINE
THE SAME UPGRADE?

I WISH WE COULD,
GRAVITY. BUT THEY ONLY
WORK FOR SOMEONE
WHO'S INFUSED WITH
TRI-FORCE ENERGY.

BETTER CALL THIS
IN TO BASE.

FOR THE RECORD, KOMODO,
HARDBALL'S HUMAN TOO. LOOKS
LIKE OUR INTEL'S ACCURATE. THERE'S
ONLY ONE SKRULL INFILTRATOR
PER TEAM.

DUH. I
COULD'VE
TOLD YOU
THAT...

...I
KNOW WHO
TO TRUST.

New Mexico. The Chandlers' bomb shelter.

COPY THAT, DELROY. GLAD TO HEAR NEVADA'S SKRULL-FREE.

LISTEN, I'VE GOT SOME BAD NEWS... YELLOWJACKET'S A SKRULL. HE JUST ADDRESSED EVERYONE ON EARTH, TRYING TO CONVINCE FOLKS TO SUBMIT TO THE INVASION.

YEAH, THAT DOES EXPLAIN A LOT. WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED. CHANDLER OUT.

HAL! CHUCK! WE'VE GOT COMPANY! YOU BETTER GET UP HERE!

PEGGY!

IF THOSE DIRTY ALIENS LAY A HAND ON MY WIFE--

AMEN, BROTHER. WE'LL GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF GOOD OLD AMERICAN--

--STEEL...

GREETINGS. I AM JOCASTA. DO NOT BE ALARMED.

I REPRESENT NEW MEXICO'S INITIATIVE TEAM, THE MAVERICKS. I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR MY COLLEAGUE, AND TRACKED THE SIGNAL HERE.

PEGGY SAYS YOU HAVE QUITE

Camp Hammond sewer system.

DUDE, DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN THE SEWERS? THIS PLACE IS RANK.

THE TUNNELS ALLOW US TO MOVE FREELY. FOCUS, ANTMAN. WE MUST REVIEW WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE ENEMY.

SPIDER-WOMAN AND YELLOWJACKET CLEARLY HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS THE GENUINE ARTICLES. THE QUESTION IS, DO THEY HAVE MORE?

I DIDN'T SEE THEM USE ANY, BUT WHO KNOWS? OH--I DID SEE DUGAN LEVITATING, AND HE HAD SOME KIND OF FIERY AURA.

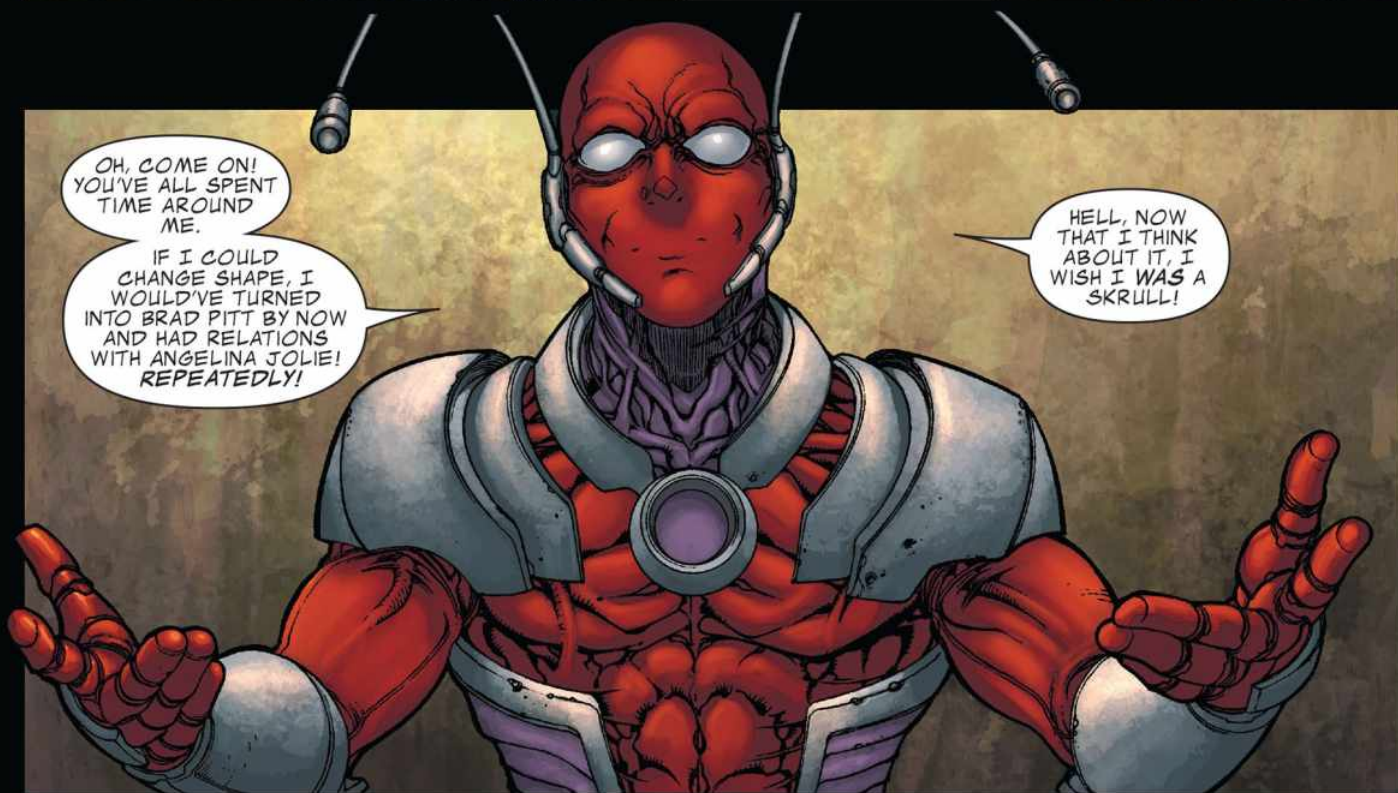
THEN HE TOO IS ONE OF THE ENHANCED "SUPER-SKRULLS."

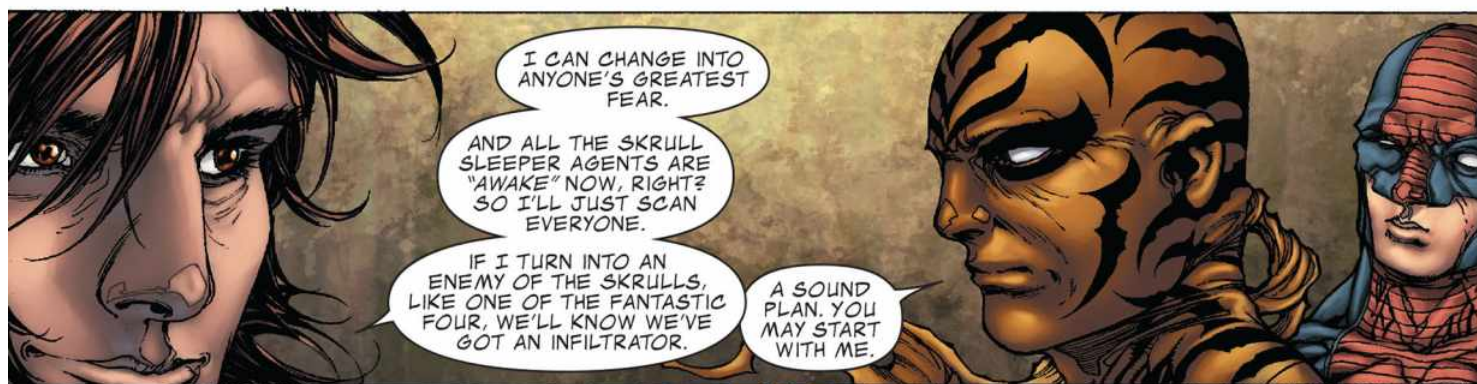
ENHANCED HOW? I DON'T LIKE GOING INTO THIS BLIND.

WE HAVE LITTLE CHOICE. WE MUST ASSUME THEY POSSESS A WIDE ARRAY OF ABILITIES.

AND THAT'S IN ADDITION TO A SKRULL'S NATURAL POWER TO CHANGE...

...SHAPE...





Nick Fury's Safehouse

YOUR DAYS OF POVERTY, HARDSHIP, DISEASE AND GREED ARE OVER. THE EARTH IS NOW PART OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.

HE LOVES YOU SO MUCH.

U.M...ALL DUE RESPECT, MR. FURY, SIR...HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GONNA WATCH THAT?

LONG AS IT TAKES TO GET ALL THE INTEL OUT OF IT. NOW PAY ATTENTION.

LOCATION, NUMBERS, ALLIES... ANYTHING WE FIND OUT ABOUT THEM HELPS WIN THIS WAR.

I COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE WAR.

I KNEW YELLOWJACKET WAS A SKRULL BEFORE THEY STRUCK. BUT I WAS TOO AFRAID TO TELL ANYONE.

AFRAID THEY'D DISCOVER I WAS ONE TOO...AND DOUBT MY LOYALTY TO EARTH. NOW THIS PLANET HAS FALLEN, AND IT'S ALL MY--

SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, SON?

OH...IT'S NOTHING, I--

SIR, I...HAD SUSPICIONS ABOUT YELLOWJACKET. BUT I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. IF I'D JUST TRUSTED MY INSTINCTS, MAYBE--

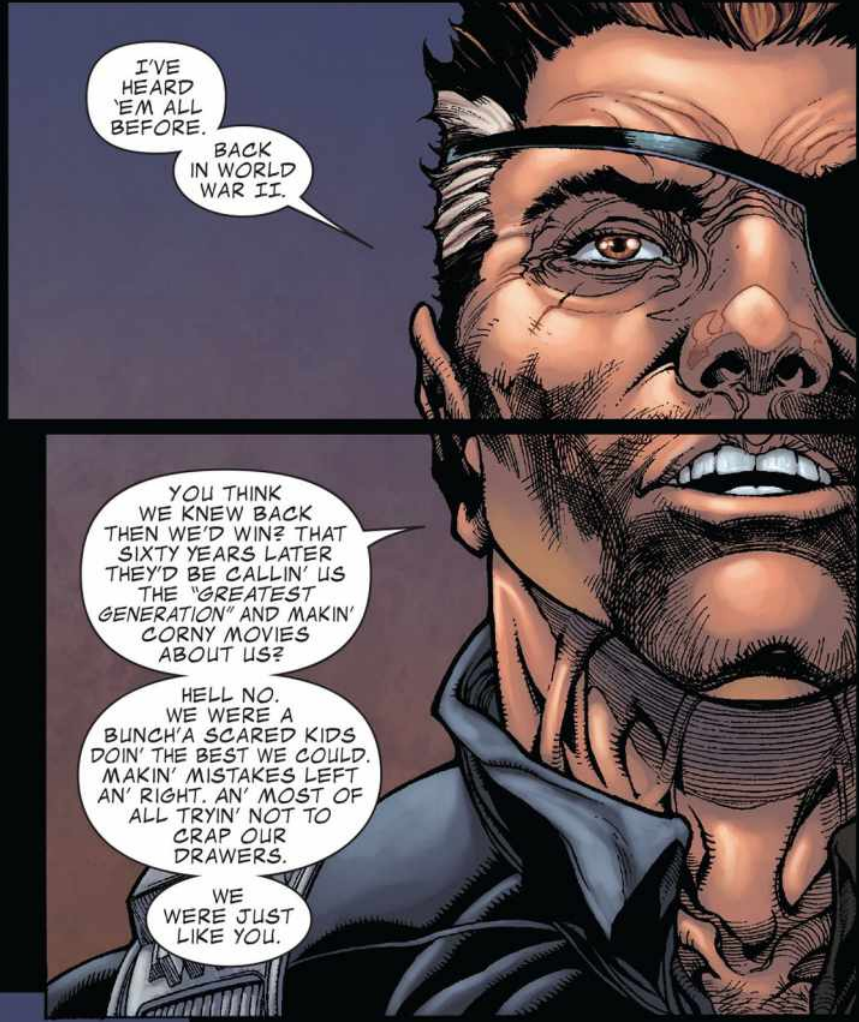
SHAKE IT OFF, SOLDIER.

WHATEVER MISTAKES YOU MADE IN THE PAST STAY THERE. HERE AND NOW IS ALL THAT MATTERS. THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED IN THE



YOU WANT
REASONS WE
CAN'T WIN THIS
THING? I GOT
A MILLION
OF 'EM.

WE'RE
TIRED. WEAK.
OUTNUMBERED.
OUTGUNNED.



I'VE
HEARD
'EM ALL
BEFORE.

BACK
IN WORLD
WAR II.

YOU THINK
WE KNEW BACK
THEN WE'D WIN? THAT
SIXTY YEARS LATER
THEY'D BE CALLIN' US
THE "GREATEST
GENERATION" AND MAKIN'
CORNY MOVIES
ABOUT US?

HELL NO.
WE WERE A
BUNCH'A SCARED KIDS
DOIN' THE BEST WE COULD.
MAKIN' MISTAKES LEFT
AN' RIGHT. AN' MOST OF
ALL TRYIN' NOT TO
CRAP OUR
DRAWERS.

WE
WERE JUST
LIKE YOU.



NOW
SOMEDAY...WHEN
THEY WRITE THE
HISTORY O' THIS WAR...
THEY'RE GONNA COME TO
YOU IN YOUR NURSIN' HOME.
THEY'RE GONNA ASK HOW YOU
DID IT. AND YOU KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE GONNA
TELL 'EM?

WE DIDN'T
HAVE A CHOICE.
WE WERE
PROTECTIN'
OUR HOME.

THAT'S WHAT
WE WERE DOIN'
BACK THEN. AND
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE
DOIN' NOW. RIGHT,
SOLDIER?



YES.

THIS
IS MY
HOME.

AND I
SWEAR TO YOU,
COLONEL FURY...
I'M GOING TO
SET IT
FREE.

**Camp Hammond.
Skrull War Room.**



YOU'RE CERTAIN IT'LL WORK?

EVERYTHING'S IN PLACE. AND I'VE MADE SURE THE TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS.

IT CAN'T FAIL. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, THE PROPHECY IS FULFILLED.

Y'KNOW THE ONLY REASON THEY ASKED ME TO DO THIS...

...WAS BECAUSE OF MY GIRLISH FIGURE.

THIS PLANET WILL BE OURS IN THIS WORLD OR THE NEXT.

BUT ONCE THIS BABY GOES OFF...

ENLARGE OBJECTS

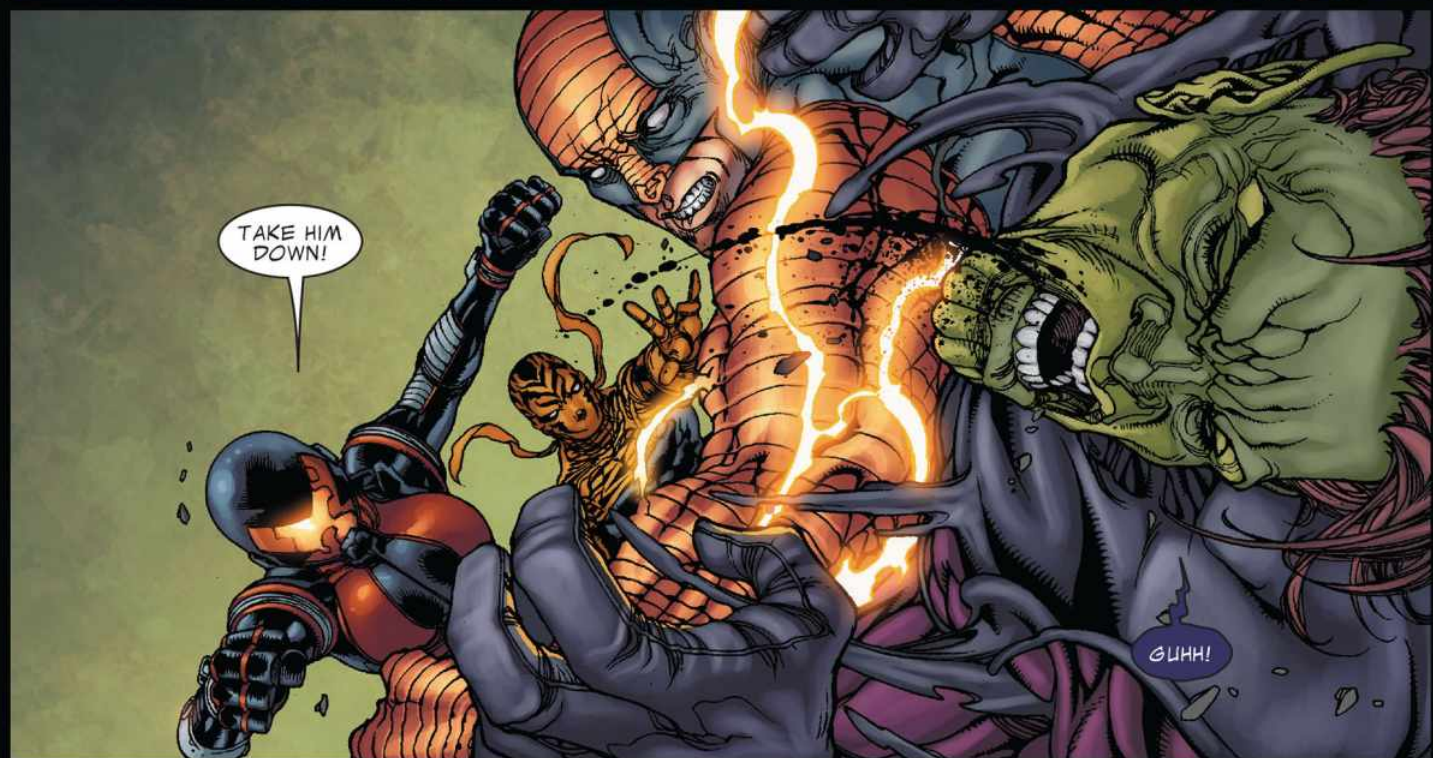
...THEY'LL ALL BE ABLE TO GET THEIR BUTT CHEEKS THROUGH THE DOOR.













AND SO
OUR SEEDS OF
SUSPICION AGAIN
BEAR FRUIT.

WITH ONE
SIMPLE LIE, I
MADE THEM
NEUTRALIZE THEIR
STRONGEST
MEMBER.

I SUSPECT
THEY WOULD
HAVE TURNED ON EACH
OTHER EVEN WITHOUT
THE INFLUENCE OF
SPIDER-WOMAN'S
PHEROMONES.

THEN WE
DIDN'T HAVE
ANOTHER AGENT
IN CAMP?

APART
FROM SUPPORT
STAFF, NO. JUST
ME AND THE
BLONDE
GIRL.

WE DIDN'T
NEED ANY OTHERS.
THANKS TO YELLOWJACKET,
WE KNEW THEIR OPERATING
PROCEDURE
INTIMATELY.

ONCE THEIR
BRAVE WARRIORS
RUSHED OFF TO BATTLE,
THE CAMP'S ONLY
REMAINING DEFENDERS
WERE THE SHADOW
INITIATIVE...

...AND THEY
ARE NOW OUR
PRISONERS.



AND THAT'S WHERE BEING A RACE OF WARRIORS WORKS AGAINST YOU--YOU ASSUME WE'RE ALL BRAVE. DIDN'T COUNT ON A WEASELLY, ANT-SIZE COWARD SITTING OUT THE FIGHT, DID YA?

OH, MAN... GOOD THING MY MASK PROTECTS ME FROM HER PHEROMONES. IT'S ALL I CAN DO NOT TO CLIMB THOSE TWIN PEAKS AND SETTLE IN FOR WINTER...



FOCUS, DUDE. REMEMBER, SHE'S A LIZARD.

A LIZARD WITH LUSCIOUS, FIRM, RIPE...

...HOLY CRAP!!



THIS...THIS IS HUGE.

HOW'D THEY GET THIS? AND HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO STOP IT?



OKAY, DEEP BREATHS. ONE STEP AT A TIME. GOTTA GET PICTURES...

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...AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

THERE BETTER BE SOME GOOD GUYS STILL ALIVE OUT THERE. 'CAUSE EVEN IF I WAS IRON MAN, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD STOP SOMETHING THIS BIG ALONE...

...NOT WHEN IT INVOLVES EVERY INITIATIVE

Headquarters of the New-Mexico Mavericks.

IF ALL YOU'VE TOLD ME IS ACCURATE, I BELIEVE I CAN HELP YOUR FRIENDS.

I'VE REWIRED OUR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE STARKTECH HAS BEEN REPLACED.

NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO REBOOT THE SYSTEM. WORKING...

THERE, I'VE RE-ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE OTHER INITIATIVE BASES.

HOLD ON THERE, MA'AM. JUST ABOUT EVERY ONE OF THOSE TEAMS HAS A SKRULL HIDDEN ON IT.

WE CAN'T TRUST ANYONE!

THAT'S NOT QUITE ACCURATE, MR. CHANDLER. YOUR OWN ACCOUNT TOLD ME OF ONE HERO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST.

ESTABLISHING A LINK WITH HAWAII...

Utah.

Awooooo!

SORRY, CHUCK, RIOT'S HOWLING AGAIN. I SAID WE'RE IN UTAH. WE JUST TOOK OUT THE SKRULL ON THEIR TEAM, THE CALLED.

NO, THEY STAYED BEHIND FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE...THE FIGHT WAS PRETTY DESTRUCTIVE. BUT OUR NUMBERS AREN'T THE PROBLEM. TIME IS.

IT'S TAKING TOO LONG TO GET FROM STATE TO STATE, AND THE CLOCK'S RUNNING.

GOOD NEWS, DELROY. WE'VE FIGURED A WAY AROUND THAT.

THE SOLUTION SHOULD BE RIGHT DOWN THE ROAD.

HUH? I CAN SEE FOR MILES, THERE'S NOTHING--

LOMP

GREETINGS, 3-D MAN. I AM JOCASTA.

I BELIEVE YOU ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE DEVIL SLAYER...

...AND HIS TELEPORTING SHADOW CLOAK.

OH YEAH.

NOW WE'RE GONNA DO SOME DAMAGE.

ZONE

